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My comments about the proposed Microsoft settlement:

I'm deeply concerned about the powers Microsoft has to force America and the world to use its software and protocols within its operating system. I feel that the only way to allow other operating systems and software to compete with Microsoft is to severely restrict the ability of Microsoft operating systems to force/influence users to also use other Microsoft software. The law must be clear in dictating this so that there is no way to skirt around the imposed settlement. The only good solution that I have heard that would achieve this consumer-friendly settlement is a split of the company into two separate companies. It is very important to note that this would NOT have a large financial impact on Microsoft (certainly no more than the gains Microsoft has made through its monopoly already), and would still allow both the operating systems and applications divisions of Microsoft to "innovate" independently. Of course, this simple settlement would give all companies access to the same Microsoft operating system information that the future Microsoft applications divisions would have, thereby allowing all companies to compete more fairly to create the best products.

Thank you- I strongly recommend a split of Microsoft's operating systems and applications divisions.

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